

PARK REGULATIONS

**Fire Hazards: Sec. 41.118** — No person shall ignite, or permit to be ignited, a fire in any location in a County park, except in a campfire or cooking area provided by the County or as specifically authorized by the Park Ranger.

**Pets: Sec 41.123** — (a) Pets are permitted in County parks during the hours that such parks are open to the public. Pets are prohibited on all County trails outside camp and picnic areas and at Agua Caliente County Park. Pets are not allowed in Cabins.

**Plants: Sec. 41.111**— No person shall pick, dig up, cut, mutilate, destroy, injure, disturb, move, molest, burn or carry away any plant vegetation, or portion thereof, including aquatic plants.

**Peace and Quiet: Sec 41.135** — No person shall disturb the peace and quiet of a County park by any loud or unusual noise, or by the sounding of automobile horns or noise-making devices, or by the use of profane, obscene or abusive language or gestures.

**Sanitation: Sec. 41.149** — The Park Ranger shall control the size, type and arrangement of trailers and other private camping equipment and facilities permitted in the area in order to maintain the sanitation and orderly appearance of County park camping areas. Disposal of wastewater shall be at locations designated for the dumping of wastewater.

**Youth Camping: Sec. 41.141** — No person or persons under the age of 18 years shall be issued an over-night camping permit unless accompanied by an adult. Said adult shall have either parental right or written authorization to approve medical treatment for those under the age of 18 years.

**Alcohol Beverages: Sec. 41.136** — No person shall transport into a County park, or consume upon the premises of a County park, any intoxicating liquors having an alcoholic content in excess of 20% by volume.

**Check-in time: 2:00 p.m. Check-out time: 1:00 p.m.**

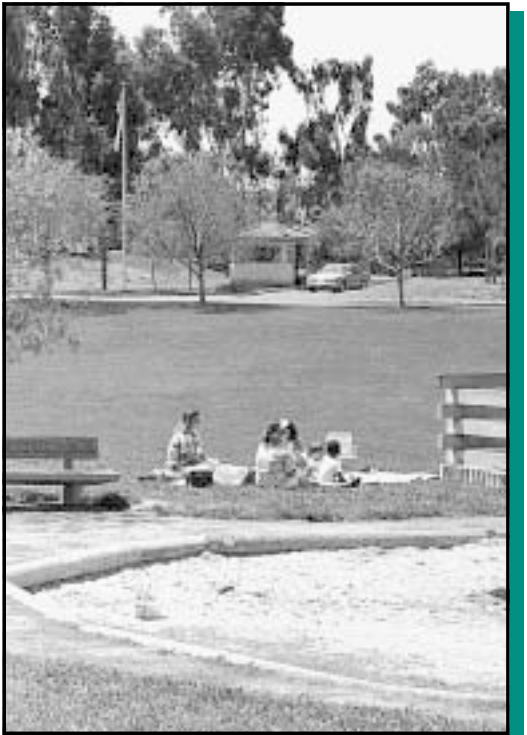
Overnight camping in County parks is contingent upon maintaining the immediate camping area in a safe and clean condition and complying with all park rules. Failure to comply with the above regulations will result in a suspension of camping privileges and a loss of all fees paid.

**For more information call (858) 694-3049**



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Guajome Regional Park



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# Welcome to Guajome Regional Park

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Guajome Regional Park offers its visitors a unique blend of history and outdoor experiences. Near one end of the park stands an historic adobe ranch house built in the 1850s. From there the park stretches two miles westward and encompasses some of the most diverse habitats to be found in any County park. You'll enjoy opportunities to hike, picnic, ride horses, fish, and camp. Its mild climate and convenient location, 40 miles north of San Diego, make Guajome an ideal place to visit year round.

## Early Days

There's little doubt that the Native Americans who were Guajome's first inhabitants found the area quite hospitable, since it has always provided plenty of food and shelter. However, all that remains to tell us about their time here are a few archaeological sites and some rock art. We are far more certain about the people who have lived there during the last 200 years. Two Native Americans from the Mission San Luis Rey received the 2200-acre Rancho Guajome as a land grant from the Mexican governor in 1845. They sold it to a Los Angeles



Wedding gazebo



merchant, who gave it to his sister-in-law, Ysidora Bandini, as a wedding gift. Today, the adobe rancho built by Ysidora's husband, Cave Johnson Coutts, stands as one of our best examples of Anglo-Hispanic architecture and has been designated both a State and a National Historic Landmark.

More recent uses of what is now Guajome Regional Park include the terraced areas, old fencing, and established olive and palm trees left behind by a former owner, Jerry Butyne. His passion for collecting exotic birds nearly turned his property into a small zoo, and the lake and marsh areas were constructed to enhance the appeal of the estate, known as the Butyne Bird Farm. The Bird Farm had its heyday in the 1950s, but by the early 1970s the County of San Diego purchased the lands to establish the regional park.

## Other Residents

The park is as rich in natural history as it is in human history. Its great diversity of plant life includes one of the finest riparian areas of any County park. Spring-fed lakes and a marsh support yet more water-loving vegetation. The drier portions of the park include open grassland and chaparral.

These habitats are home to a wide variety of wildlife. Guajome is one of the North County's best spots for watching birds; at least 186 species have been seen within its boundaries. Numerous small mammals also live here, including long-tailed weasels and bobcats.

## What to Do

There's as much to do as there is to see at Guajome. Hikers and horseback riders can explore

miles of trails. Shore fishing is available during park hours. Picnickers can choose a lakeside table or one on a grassy hilltop above the lake. One of the most scenic places in San Diego for a wedding ceremony has to be the gazebo; it's a short walk from the parking lot and is reservable up to a year in advance. Campers will find that the enclosed pavilion, overlooking the lake, is a wonderful place to hold group meetings or lunches and dinners. Reservations, for campers only, are required. The historic Rancho Guajome adobe is open for docent-led tours only at posted times. (Call 760-724-4082 for group-tour reservations.) The adjacent Antique Gas and Steam Engine museum, open daily, houses a wide selection of working farm equipment. For those who want to explore



beyond the park's 557 acres, nearby Oceanside offers a city's amenities, as well as great beaches and a fine harbor.

## Facilities

Each of the 34 sites has electrical and water hookups. Hot showers, toilets, fire rings, and a holding tank disposal station make camping stays comfortable.

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